

BUILDING OPERATIONS IN NORWICH

With the approach of cold weather, local contractors are rushing building projects to a point where work can continue regardless of weather conditions. These projects are, however, somewhat slowed up by a reported lack of labor among the stone and cement workers. No new projects have been started during the past week, although plans are being drawn for a number of new buildings.

The work on the new three-story brick building for the Norwich Woolen company has practically been completed and the workmen are now engaged on the interior work. Fenton & Carroll have the contract.

The cellar for a new cottage house on Watercross avenue has been dug and is ready for the foundation work. The building is being erected for Gil-

bert Bowers, who is contemplating the erection of a cottage upon the completion of the cottage now being built. Carpenters are at work remodeling one of the stores in the Marion block on Main street. The interior is being refinished and other improvements are being made.

The work on the city barn is progressing rapidly, the exterior work being nearly finished, and the interior work is practically all finished.

NEW LONDON.

The contract for building a brick store on Bank st. for Henry Ritter has been awarded. The building will be 34x22, one story high, with slag roof. There will be steam heat, electric lights and all improvements. The estimated cost is about \$3,000.

Mrs. F. A. Hawthorne has taken out a permit to build a frame house on Jefferson av. It will be 27x26, arranged for one family, costing about \$3,000.

J. L. Sparks will build a cottage for himself on Phillips st., which will be 27x30, two stories high, of wood, with five rooms. It will be of an attractive design and will cost about \$3,000.

Ground has been broken on Ocean av. for four frame cottages to be erected for L. Q. Raymond. They will be 20x28 feet each with five rooms, having all improvements.

The contractor has started work on a house for Edward J. Raymond on Ocean av. The house will be of wood, 24x26, having five rooms, with all improvements.

C. Duca has started work on a house which he is building for himself on Alger st. It will be 2 1/2 stories high, 30x30 feet, of wood, containing three apartments, hot air heat. It will cost about \$8,000.

The plans are now being figured for the new residence to be erected

at Ocean Beach for I. E. Goldberg, 379 Prospect ave., Hartford. The plans call for a frame residence, 28x30 feet, well finished throughout.

The contractors are progressing rapidly on the house which they are building on the site of the old baseball grounds for J. H. Clarkin of Hartford, and have let sub-contracts.

Building Permits.
Mrs. Joseph Mahoney, frame addition, Winthrop st., Cost \$2,000.
J. J. Garrison, frame barn, Sanders st., Cost \$500.

Manuel Perry, frame addition, Denison av., Cost \$100.
Paul V. K. Holmes, frame house, Boole av., Cost \$5,000.
Gennaro De Luca, frame addition, Moore av., Cost \$800.

Total number of permits for the week, 6; estimated cost of buildings, \$5,400.

MANSFIELD.

Plans drawn by Architects Cudworth & Thompson of Norwich, are being figured for the custodian building at the Mansfield State Training School and Hospital. Among the contractors submitting bids are the H. Wales Lins Co., Meriden; Peck & McWilliams Co., Norwich; and the T. J. Parry Construction Co., Bridgeport.

MYSTIC.

Plans for the new factory in Mystic for the Packer Soap Co. are out for figures. The building will be 60x82 feet, of brick construction. An electric freight elevator will be installed. The estimated cost is \$35,000.

WESTERLY.

New London Architects are drawing plans for a public market for the Westerly Industrial and Improvement Co. on Canal st. The building will be two stories high, 160x40 feet.

PLAINFIELD.

Work is to be started shortly on an addition at the plant of the Rock-

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well-Drake branch of the Marlin Rockwell Corporation in Plainfield. The new building will be about 140x100 feet, of brick and wood, with a gravel roof, and will be erected under the supervision of Herbert J. Brault of the company. E. E. Brault is the superintendent of the plant.

CONNECTICUT BUILDING AND BUSINESS SHOWN

The clearings of the Hartford and New Haven banks for the current week, in comparison with the like week of last year, show large increases.

Sales of real estate for the current week, as shown by the number of warranty deeds filed in the cities of the State reported in The Commercial Record, numbered 819, as compared with 419 in the corresponding week of last year. Mortgage loans for the week amounted to \$2,531,555, as against \$795,339 a year ago.

No bankruptcy petitions were filed in Connecticut during the week. A year ago, three petitions, with total assets of \$11,817 and liabilities of \$29,495 were filed in this State.

Nineteen new companies were formed in this State during the week, with total authorized capital stock of \$329,600. This record is considerably larger than last year when but three companies, with capital stock of \$62,500 were incorporated in this State.

Building permits were issued this week in the several cities of the State to the number of 269 for new construction work, to cost \$684,720, comparing with 146 permits for new buildings to cost \$326,390 which were granted in the same cities a year ago.

The largest number of permits were issued in Hartford and Bridgeport, where a number of apartment blocks are reported, and also some factory construction. In all parts of the State a large number of one and two-family houses are reported this week.

Real Estate Sales.
In Norwich for the past week there were 20 real estate sales and 14,500 in mortgages recorded. The same week a year ago the sales were 15 and mortgages 14,550. In the corresponding week of last year the sales were 21 and 12 respectively in 1918 and 1919 and the mortgages \$140,172 and \$18,560.



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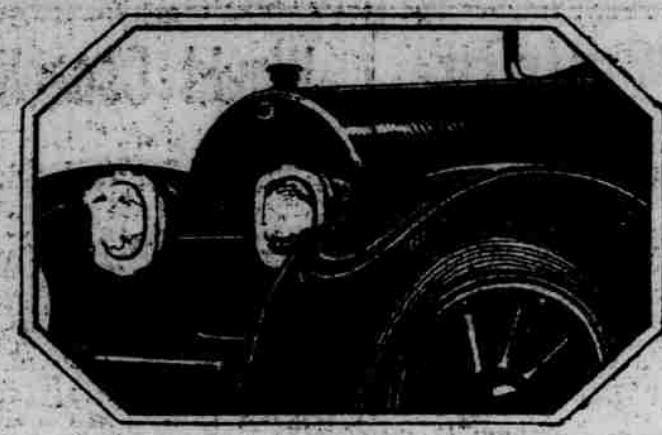
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BUILDING AND ENGINEERING WORK IN NEW ENGLAND

Statistics of Building and Engineering Operations in New England compiled by the F. W. Dodge Company are as follows:

Contracts to Sept. 4, 1919	\$157,595,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1918	\$114,835,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1917	\$145,045,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1916	\$140,991,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1915	\$118,188,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1914	\$129,200,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1913	\$118,093,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1912	\$134,557,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1911	\$127,387,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1910	\$118,985,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1909	\$105,750,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1908	\$70,124,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1907	\$82,284,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1906	\$84,512,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1905	\$75,171,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1904	\$65,517,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1903	\$77,424,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1902	\$88,340,000
Contracts to Sept. 4, 1901	\$80,503,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1919	\$27,408,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1918	\$27,989,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1917	\$24,475,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1916	\$18,259,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1915	\$18,476,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1914	\$14,711,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1913	\$15,835,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1912	\$18,609,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1911	\$15,245,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1910	\$18,288,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1909	\$12,220,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1908	\$12,108,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1907	\$11,449,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1906	\$13,745,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1905	\$14,554,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1904	\$9,378,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1903	\$8,374,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1902	\$14,544,000
Contracts to Aug. 4, 1901	\$10,796,000

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

During the past year there have been but five cases of tuberculosis reported to Dr. George Thompson, health officer of the town of Norwich. Dr. Thompson's annual report to the selectmen of the town shows that there were reported seven cases of scarletina, one case of typhoid and four cases of diphtheria in the past twelve months.

Dr. Thompson's annual report is as follows: Except for the epidemic of influenza with which we were visited in the fall of 1918, the year has been uneventful and free from any serious manifestations. This epidemic alone, however, has made a year that will not be forgotten by the present generation. Its onset was so sudden, so malignant and so universal that the utmost limits of the medical and nursing professions were strained to the proper care of all of the afflicted. It is not my intention to make any detailed report regarding it other than to say that there were probably in the neighborhood of one thousand cases outside of the city proper; neither can I give the mortality rate as distinct from that of the city, which was 205 in the whole town. If we assume the same rate for the outlying districts as that of the whole town, including the city, our mortality would total about 25. That seems to me a fair estimate and not far from the truth.

It is probable that in the after-effects of the disease many a still sufferer and it will never be known how much disease, particularly of the nose, throat and ears, is directly traceable to this visitation.

Disease is probably more of the disease in the coming winter and perhaps for several winters in the future, but nothing to compare with the past year, and I do not look for it in any epidemic form.

Tuberculosis: Five cases only were reported. Scarletina: Seven cases were reported, with no deaths following.

Typhoid: Only one case reported; recovered.

Diphtheria: Four cases reported with no deaths of which I can learn. Nuisances: Six nuisances were reported with one prosecution for failure to comply with orders of the health officer.

The school properties have all been inspected, and, with the exception of two minor defects which will be remedied immediately, found to be in excellent condition.

NAMED ON COMMITTEE FOR RECEPTION TO CARDINAL
There was a meeting Saturday of the committee on general arrangements, which Governor Marcus H. Holcomb appointed for the reception to His Eminence, Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, archbishop of Malines, on his arrival in Hartford, Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Norwich is represented on the committee by Rev. W. A. Keefe, pastor of St. Mary's parish. A reception will be tendered Cardinal Mercier on behalf of the state, the capital on the morning of his arrival, after which he will be sta-

tained at luncheon. He is accompanied by Auxiliary Archbishop Right Reverend Alphonsus DeWachter, titular bishop of Omonade, Arabia.

The keynote of the plans for the reception is to give the public every possible chance to see and hear Cardinal Mercier, that his age and health will permit. A special committee will arrange for an evening reception, which will probably be held in the state memory.

Cardinal Mercier will come from Providence. While in Hartford he will stay with the Rt. Rev. John J. Nihan. He will be the guest of Trinity College, Thursday morning, the day after his arrival. He will then go to New Haven, where he will be the guest of the Yale faculty at a luncheon.

MODERN HEALTH CRUSADE FOR CONNECTICUT

The State Tuberculosis Commission has voted to take up throughout Connecticut the Modern Health Crusade, which has been conducted as a national tournament in health knight-hood the past year by the National Tuberculosis Association. The commission will urge that the crusade be introduced into the public and private schools of Connecticut as a health, and primarily a tuberculosis preventive project. A number of Connecticut schools have expressed the desire to try the crusade. It has already been introduced in Hartford, Middletown, Stamford, and many of the smaller towns of the state in a tentative way and its general use is expected. This is the second national tournament which has been conducted by the National Tuberculosis Association, the first having been inaugurated last year. It was so successful that three million children of the country were enrolled and it is believed that this number will be more than doubled during the present school year.

MAX POLLACK'S ESTATE VALUED AT OVER \$200,000

Wills filed for probate in New York include that of Max Pollack, who died Sept. 1, head of Max Pollack & Co. The value of the estate more than \$200,000. He gave all his stock to his corporation and his residuary estate to his wife, Bertha Pollack of 1000 avenue, New York. His son, Lee, and daughter, Renee P. Pollack, got \$20,000 each and \$10,000 went to Jean Lahm, his granddaughter. Max Pollack & Company have a three-mill at Conville, near Williams and the company recently

started a branch on a leased floor in Ferry street, Norwich.

POULTRY DEMONSTRATION AT LEDYARD THURSDAY

Professor R. E. Jones of Storrs College, with County Agent Walter E. Marsland of Norwich will hold a poultry demonstration at Judge S. E. Holdridge's residence in Ledyard on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 2 p. m., rain or shine.

Professor Jones is a practical poultryman and will not only show the art of culling the non-laying hens from the layers but will answer all questions in regard to feeds and how to make money out of poultry. It is expected that all interested in poultry will be present at the demonstration.

PROF. ALLEN LATHAM ON HARVARD COMMITTEE

Nathaniel H. Bachelder, headmaster of the Loomis Institute in Windsor, and state chairman for the Harvard \$11,000,000 Endowment Fund drive, has completed the organization of a general committee by appointing thirty-two Connecticut Harvard men to act with him in raising funds for the Harvard endowment. The committee includes Allen Latham, of Norwich Town, Judge Milton A. Shumway of Danielson, G. T. Williams of Rockville and Whitman Danielson of Putnam.

TO ASK \$25,000,000 FOR A NEW PACIFIC CABLE

Washington, Sept. 22.—Unless at least one more Pacific cable is laid, the development of American trade with the Orient will be seriously retarded, H. C. Eldridge, chief of the Eastern division of the bureau of commerce, told a senate committee today. The committee is considering a bill appropriating \$25,000,000 for a government cable across the Pacific. Mr. Eldridge said at least \$25,000,000 would be required, and Senator Jones of Washington, author of the measure, said that sum would be asked, as the original estimate was made years ago, before the costs of labor and material had increased.

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